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MEMORANDUM

TO: BBHBF Approved Forensic Evaluators
FROM: *DF* Damon Iarossi, Deputy Commissioner
DATE: August 29, 2014
RE: West Virginia Code §27-6A Forensic Evaluations

This correspondence serves as a supplement to the July 31, 2014 memorandum from this office temporarily delaying the implementation of changes to West Virginia Code §27-6A Forensic Evaluations (originally targeted for August 1, 2014). The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities' (BBHBF) is postponing the proposed changes and guidance related to the payment and processing procedures for Forensic Evaluations as originally communicated in a July 15, 2014 Memorandum. This delay will allow for a more comprehensive review of the entire forensic evaluation process.

It is anticipated that the new forensic evaluation policy that will be developed as a result of the review being conducted will be implemented on December 1, 2014. However, we will communicate this information to you in the coming months.

At this time all court ordered West Virginia Code §27-6A forensic evaluations shall continue to be processed in accordance with previous policies and procedures.

Thank you for your patience with this matter.

cc: Karen Bowling, Cabinet Secretary DHHR
Vickie Jones, Commissioner BBHBF